

REPORT

FROM THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

RELATIVE TO A

QUARTER SECTION OF LAND

PURCHASED BY

HENRY CASE.

Made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 21st instant.

APRIL 24, 1828.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

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GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

April 22, 1828.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, passed the 21st inst., I have the honor to transmit a copy of the account of Henry Case, for the northeast quarter of section 2, township 8, range 2 west, as rendered to this office; and also, a copy of that part of a letter from Mr. Symmes, the Register of the Land Office at Cincinnati, Ohio, which refers to Mr. Case, and the land above described.

I also enclose a diagram of section No. 2, township 8, range 2 west, taken from the original survey; from which it will appear, that the east half of that section contains 316.60 acres. It also appears from the books of this office, that the southeast quarter of said section was sold on the 22d of December, 1814, as containing 158.30 acres, leaving the same quantity in the northeast quarter; but through the inadvertence of the Register of the Land Office at Cincinnati, the northeast quarter was sold to Mr. Case, as containing only 123.58 acres, and that quantity was paid for by him; but previous to issuing the patent the error was detected at this office, and, in conformity to the law and general usage of the office, Mr. Case was required to pay for the quantity of land which the quarter section contained, agreeably to the Surveyor General's return.

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

GEO: GRAHAM.

The VICE-PRESIDENT

Of the United States.

The following is a copy of so much of Mr. Symmes' letter as relates to the case of Henry Case.

LAND OFFICE, CINCINNATI,

February 12, 1827.

SIR: Henry Case's final certificate, No. 5,985, for the northeast quarter of section 2, township 8, range 2 west, called for in your letter of the 18th ultimo, appears to have been regularly forwarded from this office in 1817, but was subsequently returned, on account of *short payment*, the tract being found to contain $34\frac{7\frac{1}{2}}{100}$ acres of surplus land. Of this fact I was at the pains of informing the proprietor by letter, (as I did many others in a like situation,) two or three years ago; and he has since called at the office and ascertained the precise condition of his certificate. Under these circumstances, I am at a loss to conjecture the object of Mr. Case, in applying through General Noble, without further payment, for a patent, unless, indeed, the signal success of his neighbor, Mr. Hampton, who obtained from Congress last winter an actual donation of some 200 acres of surplus, should have led him to appeal to a member of that body, in the hope of a similar boon.

Henry Case, of Hamilton County, Ohio, for N. E. quarter of section 2, of township 8, range 2, containing
123 $\frac{58}{100}$ acres, at two dollars.

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1813. July 17th. To purchase money of said quarter
 section - - - \$247 16

1813. July 17. By amount of first instalment \$ 61 79
 1815. Jan. 17. By amount of second instalment 59 32
 1815. Jan. 17. By amount of discount - 2 47
 1817. May 31. By cash, on account - 120 00
 1817. June 2. By cash in full, including interest 13 64